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DEPARTMENT: PLEASE DELIVER THIS MESSAGE TO DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DONALD TOUSSAINT AT  
OPENING OF BUSINESS.

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, PORT, UNESCO

SUBJECT: ADG NAJMAN'S REMARKS CONCERNING 14TH, 18TH  
AND 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCES.

REF: TOUSSAINT/KEMERY TELECON, DEC. 3, 1976.

1. DELOFF PHONED NAJMAN ON EVENING OF DEC. 3, 1976 AND,  
AFTER SUMMARIZING TOUSSAINT'S COMMENTS (REF TELECON),  
REQUESTED NAJMAN'S COMMENTS REGARDING HIS EXAMINATION OF  
14TH (1966), 18TH (1974) AND 19TH (1976) GENERAL CON-  
FERENCES.

2. NAJMAN WAS QUITE FORTHCOMING ON HIS ANALYTICAL  
VIEWS OF THESE CONFERENCES AND SPOKE FOR 30 MINUTES.  
TWO POINTS REVIEWED BELOW WERE OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE  
TO WARRANT RETURN CALL BY DELOFF TO TOUSSAINT.

A. NAJMAN WAS INTERVIEWED DEC. 2, 1976, VIA PHONE, BY  
ED BROWN, NBC NEWSMAN, NEW YORK. APPARENTLY BROWN  
SOUGHT NAJMAN'S VIEWS AND "INSTANT ANALYSIS" CONCERNING  
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OUTCOME OF 19TH GC. NAJMAN TOLD DELOFF HE NOT AWARE

OF DATE NBC INTENDS TO BROADCAST INTERVIEW. IT MAY BE ASSUMED THAT NAJMAN FOCUSED ON MANY OF THE POINTS COVERED IN THIS MESSAGE.

B. SEVERAL TIMES NAJMAN REPEATED HIMSELF TO UNDERScore THAT HE CONSIDERS A CAREFUL READING AND ANALYSIS OF MAJOR NEW AGENCIES (HE NAMED AP, REUTERS, AND AGENCY FRANCE PRESS) AS IMPORTANT. IN NAJMAN'S OPINION, HE FINDS "A SIMILAR APPROACH AND STRESS ON SIMILAR POINTS" IN STORIES CARRIED BY WIRE SERVICES.

3. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY NAJMAN ARE AS FOLLOWS: WE REALIZE THAT NAJMAN HAS ALREADY ADDRESSED SIMILAR REMARKS TO TOUSSAINT, BUT WILL REPEAT SINCE THEY REPRESENT SENIOR UNESCO OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS RE THE QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE INDICATORS OF WHAT HE CONSIDERS A DISCERIBLE TREND TOWARD "IMPROVEMENTS" AS ACHIEVED BY 19TH GC.

4. ON QUANTATIVE SIDE, NAJMAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE TOTAL OF 40 PLENARY MEETINGS AT 14TH GC. HAD THERE EXISTED IN 1966 SOMETHING AKIN TO 19TH GC'S DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP (DNG), 14 OF THE 40 ITEMS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE DNG. AT 18TH GC, THERE WERE 48 PLENARY MEETINGS AND 17 DEBATES WOULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY DNG. BY CONTRAST, AT 19TH GC, NUMBER OF PLENARY MEETINGS WERE REDUCED TO 39 AND SEVEN AND ONE HALF OF ALL "CONTROVERSIAL" RESOLUTIONS WERE HANDLED BY DNG. "MOREOVER", NAJMAN CONTINUED, "MAJORITY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS THIS TIME AND THERE WAS A GREAT DIFFERENCE OF VOTE ON ONLY THREE ISSUES: JERUSALEM, OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION. ON ALL OTHER ISSUES THERE WAS A VERY NARROW VOTING SPAN. ON OTHER HAND, (18TH) GC ROLL CALL VOTE INDICATED ACCUTE DIVERGENCE AND CONFLICT OF VIEWS, NAJMAN SAID.

5. NAJMAN'S PRELIMINARY QUALITATIVE IMPRESSIONS OF 19TH GC ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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A. CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES EXHIBITED A PASSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD CONTROVERSIAL CONFERENCE ISSUES WHICH ONE SHOULD ANALYZE AND DRAW APPROPRIATE CONCLUSIONS.

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B. AFTER INITIAL DOUBT AND HESITATION, IN THE END EVERYBODY EXPRESSED TRIBUTE TO DNG. THIS GROUP AFFORDED POSSIBILITY OF REACHING CONSENSUS ON ALMOST ALL ISSUES. COMMENT: IN FACT, YUGOSLAVIA, USSR, AND RADICAL ARABS, COULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS BLANKET STATEMENT, AND MAY WELL STRONGLY OPPOSE ANOTHER CONVENING OF THE DNG AT NEXT GC.)

C. MOST PRESS ROUND-UPS ARE STRESSING VIEW THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP WAS THE IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE DIRECTION OF MODERATION.

D. NAJMAN UNDERScoreD THAT FACT "GC WAS HELD ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, AND WAS HEADED BY AN AFRICAN DG WAS A PRE-CONDITION FOR A REASONABLE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE. GC RESULTS, MOREOVER, WERE NOT A VICTORY OF THE "MODERATE" GROUP, THE BACKBONE OF WHICH WAS THE AFRICAN GROUP".

E. WHAT EXPLODED WAS THE COMMUNICATIONS ISSUE, "AND I'M NOT REFERRING TO THE MASS MEDIA", COMMENT: I.E, RHETORIC OF DECEMBER DRAFT DECLARATION, NAJMAN EMPHASIZED, "BUT THE ARTICULATION OF DIMENSIONS OF A COMMUNICATIONS GAP BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. I WOULD COMPARE DYNAMICS OF THE DEBATE TO WHAT EXISTED IN EARLY 60'S AS RELATIONSHIP

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BETWEEN UNESCO AND THE EDUCATION GAP". COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT NAJMAN CONSIDERS THAT AN IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE 19TH GC IS AWARENESS SHARED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND LDC'S OF COMMUNICATIONS GAP BETWEEN THEM, AND DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT PROBLEM AS EXPLAINED BY MANY WEO'S IN THEIR INTERVENTIONS, AND IN THE UNANIMOUS ADOPTION OF TUNISIA'S DR-19.

F. ATTENTION WAS DRAWN BY NAJMAN TO ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH, DEC. 1, 1976, REGARDING JERUSALEM AS SPECIFICALLY WORTH READING.

6. DRAWING TOWARD CONCLUSION OF HIS "TOUR D'HORIZON" NAJMAN, REFERRING TO NEWLY EXPANDED EXBD (INCREASE FROM 40 TO 45 MEMBERS), OBSERVED THAT A MODERATE BOARD HAS BEEN ELECTED, AND THAT THERE EXIST REMARKABLE POLITICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BOARD. TO DRAW ATTENTION THIS VIEW, NAJMAN SAID: "LOOK AT WHO WAS NOT ELECTED TO THE EXBD. LOOK AT WHAT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 19TH GC".

7. HOPEFULLY THIS SUMMARY OF NAJMAN'S VIEWS WILL BE USEFUL IN DEPARTMENT'S OWN ASSESSMENT OF TRENDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF 19TH GC.

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